

**Assembly Concurrent Resolution**

**No. 124**

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**Introduced by Assembly Members Logue and Pan**

March 8, 2012

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Assembly Concurrent Resolution No. 124—Relative to American Red Cross Month.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

ACR 124, as introduced, Logue. American Red Cross Month.

This measure would declare March 2012 as American Red Cross Month, and would call upon all residents of California to become partners with the American Red Cross.

Fiscal committee: no.

- 1 WHEREAS, Each year in March we recognize the humanitarian  
2 service and the lifesaving programs of the American Red Cross;  
3 and  
4 WHEREAS, As part of the International Red Cross and Red  
5 Crescent Movement, the American Red Cross was formed 131  
6 years ago and chartered by Congress to provide aid and comfort  
7 in times of crisis; and  
8 WHEREAS, Since the early years of the 20th Century, the Red  
9 Cross in California has played a critical role in helping our citizens  
10 prevent, prepare for, and respond to emergencies; and  
11 WHEREAS, American Red Cross volunteers and staff responded  
12 to 2,728 local disasters throughout the state of California last year,  
13 providing emergency assistance to 6,342 families affected by fires,  
14 floods, and other disasters. In 2011: 399,034 persons learned to

1 prevent and prepare for disasters by participating in Red Cross  
2 community disaster education programs; and

3 WHEREAS, In California 691,574 individuals are prepared to  
4 help their neighbors in a crisis because they have been trained in  
5 Red Cross lifesaving classes. These classes include CPR, use of  
6 automated external defibrillators, first aid, aquatics, babysitting,  
7 and HIV/AIDS education; and

8 WHEREAS, Armed Forces emergency services caseworkers  
9 transmitted 17,098 emergency messages between members of the  
10 Armed Forces and their families and loved ones; and

11 WHEREAS, The American Red Cross saved countless lives  
12 last year as the largest supplier of blood and blood products in the  
13 nation; now, therefore, be it

14 *Resolved by the Assembly of the State of California, the Senate*  
15 *thereof concurring*, That the Legislature hereby proclaims the  
16 month of March 2012 as American Red Cross Month, and  
17 commends this observance to all California residents; and be it  
18 further

19 *Resolved*, That the Legislature calls upon the residents of  
20 California to become partners with the American Red Cross in  
21 emergency preparedness by learning how to respond to  
22 emergencies and by donating blood, time, and financial resources  
23 in support of the Red Cross mission; and be it further

24 *Resolved*, That the Chief Clerk of the Assembly transmit copies  
25 of this resolution to the American Red Cross and to the author for  
26 appropriate distribution.